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(54) IMPROVEMENTS RELATING TO TICKETS FOR USE IN
 GAMING, LOTTERIES, SALES AND OTHER PROMOTIONS,
 AND AMUSEMENT

- (71) We, TICKET SEAL LIMITED, a British Company, of 67 Kirkstall Road, Leeds, LS3 1LP, Yorkshire, do hereby declare this invention for which we pray that a Patent may be granted to us and the method by which it is to be performed, to be particularly described in and by the following statement:—
- This invention relates to lottery, gaming and amusement tickets, hereinafter referred to simply as "lottery tickets" in the interests of simplicity of description.
- The present invention seeks to provide a novel form of lottery ticket which is a composite ticket involving the playing of two different types of lottery games.
- According to the present invention, a composite lottery ticket comprises two sheet sections laminated together and wherein there is defined a division line splitting the ticket into at least two portions which can readily be separated manually along said division line, one of said portions, the first portion, itself being a lottery ticket for playing a game involving the tearing back of one or more tabs defined in the first portion to reveal concealed information, and the other portion, the second portion, also being in itself a lottery ticket, being of the sealed type in that the relevant information is concealed between the sections, and by tearing the second portion around the edges, the ticket can be opened out for the playing of the lottery game.
- The said division line may be a line or lines of weakening defined by slots, scoring, perforations or the like, and such lines of weakening may also define the tear back tab or tabs of the first portion and the edges to be torn off the second portion.
- In one example, the first portion, in one of its sheet sections, has two tear back tabs, one of which conceals a number, and the other of which conceals the names of three football clubs, for example, of the English first division. The number may be for a weekly draw whilst the three teams may be for a "highest goals" game run by the club or other organisation selling the tickets, whilst the second ticket may conceal one or more bingo board layouts, and several other lottery items.
- The composite ticket may be made from separate sheet sections laminated together, or a single blank folded into two, to define the two sheet sections.
- By having two or more individual lottery games in a single ticket, the ticket can be sold at twice or a number of times the maximum price allowed by legislation, because the purchaser has, if he wishes, the possibility of buying only one portion of the ticket, at the maximum price by law.
- It is also within this invention to define more than two separable portions, each in itself a lottery ticket.
- An embodiment of the present invention will now be described, by way of example, with reference to the accompanying drawings, wherein:
- Figure 1 is a perspective view from one side of a composite ticket according to the invention;
- Figure 2 is a perspective view of the ticket of Figure 1, but from the other side;
- Figure 3 shows the ticket split into its individual first and second portions or lottery tickets; and
- Figures 4a and 4b show how the second portion or lottery ticket is opened for use.
- Referring to the drawings, the composite ticket is shown in Figure 1. It is rectangular and is made up of two sheets 10 and 12 laminated together. An off centre transverse division line, 14 a line of weakening defined by slots, cuts, scoring, perforations or the like, divides the ticket into a first portion 16 and a second portion 18, each in itself a lottery ticket.
- In one of the sheets of ticket 16, there are lines of weakening 20 defining two tear back

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tabs 22 which normally conceal printed information carried on the inside of the other sheet of this ticket. Figure 1 shows how the tabs 22 are torn back, and Figure 2 shows that only one sheet of the ticket has the tabs 22.

Of the second ticket 18, this is a sealed ticket and the information for using the ticket is concealed between the sheets 10, 12. To enable the ticket 18 to be opened out easily, in three of its edges there are lines of weakening 24 as shown, the sheets at the fourth edge being glued together. To open ticket 18, the edge regions of the ticket defined by lines 24 are removed by tearing as shown in Figure 4a, and the ticket simply opened out as shown in Figure 4b.

It is appreciated that the invention is not limited to the specific geometrical form as shown in the drawings; the ticket can be constructed in other geometrical forms as desired, and there may be more than two sections, each forming a lottery game in itself, defined by two or more division lines, in each ticket.

WHAT WE CLAIM IS:—

1. A lottery ticket comprising two sheet sections laminated together and wherein there is defined a division line splitting the ticket into at least two portions which can readily be separated manually along said division line, one of said portions, the first portion, itself being a lottery ticket for playing a game involving the tearing back of one or more tabs defined in the first portion to reveal concealed information, and the other portion, the second portion, also being in itself a lottery ticket, being of the sealed type in that the relevant

information is concealed between the sections, and by tearing the second portion around the edges, the ticket can be opened out for the playing of the lottery game.

2. A lottery ticket according to Claim 1, wherein the division line or each division line is defined by slots, scoring, perforations or the like.

3. A lottery ticket according to Claim 1 or 2, wherein the tear back tabs in said first portion are defined by slots, scoring, perforations or the like.

4. A lottery ticket according to any preceding claim, wherein the second portion conceals one or more bingo board layouts by which the game of bingo may be played.

5. A lottery ticket according to any of Claims 1 to 4, wherein the ticket is made from two separate sheet sections laminated together.

6. A lottery ticket according to any of Claims 1 to 4, wherein the ticket is made from a single blank folded into two.

7. A lottery ticket according to any preceding claim, wherein of the second portion this has one edge defined by one division line and the sheet sections are glued together at all edges, and there are tear lines at all edges except that edge adjacent the division line.

8. A lottery ticket substantially as hereinbefore described with reference to the accompanying drawings.

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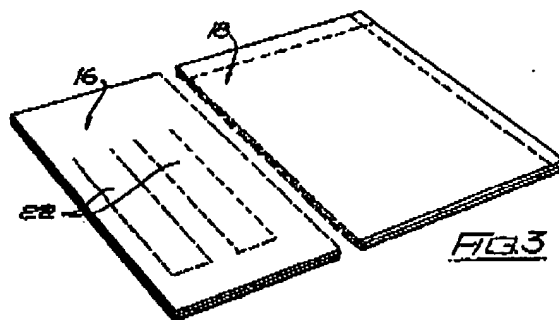
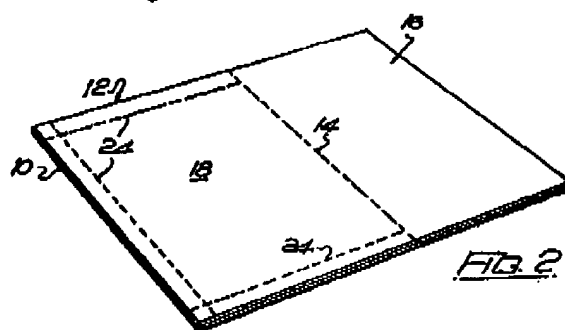
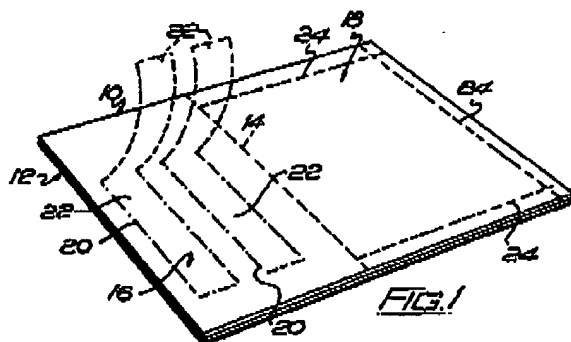
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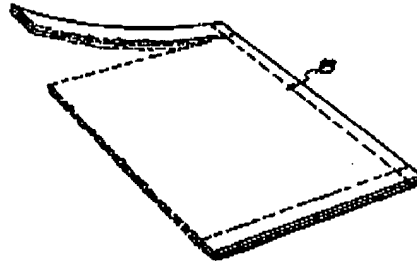


FIG. 4a

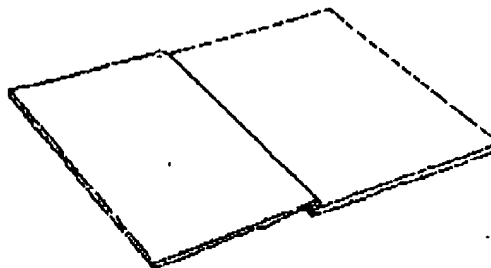


FIG. 4b

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